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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 23, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Jack Davidson, Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and Gracious God, as we begin this new day, we seek Your forgiveness and blessing. As Creator and Governor of all, we pray that You will protect our country from all harm and attack. Restrain the plans of those who would do us evil. Change the hearts of our enemies that we may live with them in peace. Give to those who protect us the wisdom to defeat the plans of our enemies so that the people of this Nation will live in unity and peace.

Bless all those in service of our country. Endow our leaders with wisdom and knowledge, that by Your power, they will make God-pleasing decisions for the welfare of our citizens; through Jesus Christ Your Son Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. ROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROSS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4589. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a joint resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. JOHN C. DAVIDSON

(Mr. HOBSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this morning's honored guest chaplain, Dr. John C. Davidson, who serves as the pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio.

Dr. Davidson has been an ordained minister for 22 years and has faithfully

served his parish and the Lancaster community during that time. He has earned two master's degrees and a doctorate degree from the Concordia Theological Seminary located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and St. Louis, Missouri.

In addition to his parish duties, Dr. Davidson also serves as second vice chairman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, where he provides governing assistance to 172 congregations located in Ohio and portions of West Virginia and Kentucky.

Dr. Davidson is also known as a community leader. He serves as chaplain for the Charity Newsies in Fairfield County and the Fairfield County Corner.

On the personal side, Dr. Davidson and his wife, Luann, have been married for 22 years and are blessed with four beautiful children, Rachel, Emily, Andrew, and Mark.

Dr. Davidson is an uplifting minister who is loved by his family and is well respected by the Lancaster community and the members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

As Ohio's Seventh District Congressman, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize Dr. Davidson for his commitment to the church and his community over the years. His many contributions to the spiritual growth of central Ohio are noteworthy, and I thank him for his service.

### SPENDING RESTRAINT

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, \$164 billion of new Federal spending took place between 2001 and 2003, unrelated to defense and the events of 9/11. We are borrowing to spend, and we need to bring spending under control or we put future generations, our children

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